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## GMT2 Scoping Comments

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To whom it may concern:

Regarding the Notice of Intent to begin an environmental review on ConocoPhillips' proposed Greater Mooses Tooth 2 (GMT-2) project:

ConocoPhillips' first drilling project, Greater Mooses Tooth Unit 1 (GMT-1), requires an 11.8 acre drilling pad, plus new roads and pipelines that cut across sensitive habitats within the Fish Creek setback, a protected subsistence area. . The expansion they're requesting would double the project's impact, bringing the development dangerously close to protected areas like Teshekpuk Lake and the Colville River. Both places provide essential calving grounds, nesting areas for migratory birds, and resources for Native communities to maintain their traditional lifestyle. The GMT-2 project would not only double the physical size of GMT-1, but also the adverse environmental and societal impacts.

Any energy development in the Arctic must be consistent with national and international climate goals and based on an unbiased evaluation of potential short and long term impacts. It is known that existing federal leases, if exploited at present rates, would bring us past the point of no return regarding climate change. Expansion of an existing project of doubtful justification at a time when it is vital to reduce fossil fuel emissions would be in direct opposition to administration policy, science-based research and warnings, and common sense.

As an environmental scientist, I urge you to reject this proposed expansion.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Gross

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